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For: **ELECTRONIC STEERING WHEEL LOCK, AND ELECTRONIC  
IGNITION SWITCH FOR MOTOR VEHICLES**

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International Search Report dated October 13, 2004 established in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007222, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY  
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With the exception of DE-C 199 57 624, all of the documents identified on the appended PTO-1449 form are listed in the International Search Report dated October 13, 2004 established in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007222, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

DE-C 199 57 624 is discussed on page 1 of the specification of this application and the relevancy of this document is evident from that discussion. The relevancy of the remaining documents is evident from the appended International Search Report (all of the documents are in the A - "background interest" category).

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English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from any English language abstracts that may be appended to the documents. The examiner is requested to note that English language patents or patent applications corresponding to the non-English language documents may be identified in the documents accompanying this paper.

**STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION**

US Published Application No. 2004/0012262 corresponds to WO 02/38424 identified in the International Search Report.

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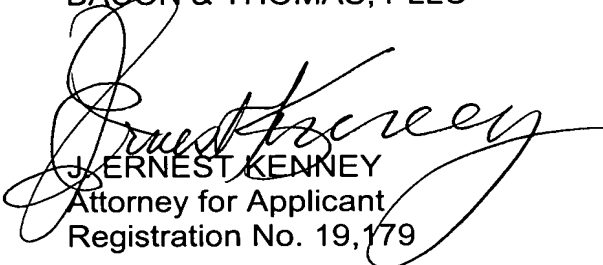
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